

SCHLEY'S DEMAND RAISES A STORM

Among Membership of the National Geographic Society which Passed Peary

"THE ADMIRAL'S PROPOSAL IS ABSURD"

Declares Rear Admiral Chester, who Gives Reasons why Schley's Demand Should be Ignored—"Nothing Can be Gained by Submitting Peary's Data to the University of Copenhagen," Says Another Member—No Trace of Cook Found—Believed to Be in Europe.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Rear Admiral Schley's demand that Commander Peary submit his polar data to the university of Copenhagen for verification, following that body's repudiation of Dr. Cook's claim, has raised a storm among the membership of the National Geographic society, which gave Peary a clean bill of health.

Findings Don't Need Verification. The leading members claim that the scientists of the United States will be demeaning themselves if they acknowledge that their findings need verification. There seems to be no disposition to withhold from the Copenhagen board the data filed by Peary, but there is a well-defined opposition against turning it over to the Danish scientists for official action.

Schley's Argument Rather Gratuitous. The argument advanced by Admiral Schley that such examination would remove all questions of doubt from the claim of Peary, is accepted as rather gratuitous. The records of Peary have been found unimpeachable by American scientists and, therefore, the question is not whether the claim is right, but whether the scientists are wrong.

Nethin- to Be Gained from Copenhagen.

"Nothing can be gained from submitting Commander Peary's data to the university of Copenhagen," said Professor Garnett, who was chairman of the committee that passed upon Peary's reports. "And I don't see any reason why he should. The committee which passed upon his papers is fully qualified to make an unbiased conclusion notwithstanding that almost every member is acquainted with Commander Peary. I need not say that the investigations were carried on along scientific lines without regard to the personality or the standing of either claimant."

"A Mare's Nest," Says Rear Admiral Chester. Rear Admiral Chester, who attacked Cook's data some time ago, denounced Admiral Schley's proposal as "absurd."

PRINCE ALBERT CROWNED KING OF THE BELGIANS

Acclaimed by Thousands along the Gaily Decorated Streets.

Brussels, Dec. 23.—Prince Albert, son of the late Prince Philippe, Count of Flanders, was crowned king of the Belgians today. The ceremony, which was the most magnificent and most picturesque ever held in Belgium, took place in the city of Brussels. The king, who is now 34 years of age, was crowned by the archbishop of Mechlin. The ceremony was attended by thousands of people, and the streets were gaily decorated with flags and bunting.

Close personal friends of "Little Tim" will be the pallbearers, while the honorary pallbearers will be the members of the many societies and clubs of which he was a member. The funeral will be held at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning at the funeral home of J. Murphy, leader of Tammany Hall, and Timothy L. Woodruff, republican state chairman.

VERMONT QUARRIES STRIKE

Locked-Out Men Will Receive No Invitations to Return to Work.

Barre, Vt., Dec. 23.—Invitations to return to work will not be among the contents of the Christmas stockings of the five thousand granite cutters who have been idle for the past five weeks as a result of a strike and lockout at the quarries in Barre and Northfield. The Barre granite manufacturers' association met today and unanimously voted to reject the proposition agreed upon yesterday by committees representing the manufacturers and the strikers. It was stated that the terms of the proposed settlement were not acceptable in the practical elimination of the quarries of the pneumatic bush hammer, over which the controversy started. The situation tonight, therefore, was precisely the same as before yesterday's conference.

250 Applicants for Remission of Tuition in Yale Academic Department.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 23.—The Yale bureau of appointments reports that for the first time this fall there were 250 applicants for remission of tuition in the academic department. Two hundred and seventeen were granted remission to the amount of \$2,185. Of the 217 receiving remission, 19 received ministerial scholarships.

Two Men Killed in Railroad Tunnel

Ashland, Pa., Dec. 23.—John Lang, a member of the civil engineer corps of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation company, who was run over by a train in the Lansford tunnel, while lying on the tracks unconscious from gas fumes, died in the miners' hospital here today. He was walking through the tunnel last evening with John Vanderhook, the head of the engineer corps, when they were rendered unconscious by gas. Both fell across the tracks, and shortly afterward a train passed through the tunnel and cut off Vanderhook's head and severed both of Lang's legs.

Ray Lamphere Dying in State Prison

Laporte, Ind., Dec. 23.—Ray Lamphere, found guilty of burning the house of Mrs. Belle Guinness, owner of the famous "Buller's farm," and incinerating the bodies of her children, is dying in the state prison at Michigan City, according to a report made by Washington field to Governor Marshall. Lamphere has tuberculosis.

Cabled Paragraphs

Nothing of Value On the Island To Pres. Madrid

RETURN OF PARTY OF SEVEN AMERICAN EXPLORERS.

NO MAN EATING INDIANS

And No Hidden Treasure or Rich Mineral Deposits on Tiburon Island, in the Gulf of California.

Paris, Dec. 23.—The government today asked for an immediate supplementary credit of \$48,000, to be used for the purchase of aeroplanes for the army. The machines will be used for scouting purposes.

Queenstown, Dec. 23.—Reports of very severe weather at sea are brought by incoming steamships. The French liner *Chamois*, from New York for Havre, put in here today to replenish her coal and water supplies. Her captain reports experiencing a heavy gale. The steamship is already overdue at Havre.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 23.—The official investigation has determined that Col. Karpoff, chief of the secret police, who was assassinated yesterday, was the victim of a revolutionist who had been employed as a government agent. The theory that Karpoff was preparing bombs when killed was completely disproved.

THREE MYSTERIOUS SISTERS

ALL ON TRIAL AT SAME TIME

Will Be Within New Jersey Jurisdiction Next Week.

New York, Dec. 23.—Prosecutor Mott of Newark, N. J., said today that he expects to have all three of the Wardlaw sisters within his jurisdiction by the middle of next week, and he will endeavor to place them all on trial at the same time.

The delay in extradition is due to the fact that Governor Hughes will be absent from the state over Christmas, and that the necessary papers cannot be presented to him for his signature until his return.

There was a rumor in Brooklyn tonight that New Jersey detectives had visited that borough this afternoon and discovered thirty more suicide notes similar to those found when Mrs. Caroline Martin was arrested here in an uptown hotel. Prosecutor Mott tonight would not confirm or deny the rumor.

COMPLICATIONS MAY ARISE

Over the Presence of American Captain in Nicaragua Insurgent Army.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 23.—Associated Press dispatches announcing that Captain Godfrey Fowler is leading the insurgent forces in Nicaragua caused great surprise in the adjacent general's department here. The fact that Captain Fowler is not only a member of the Texas National Guard, but a member of the governor's staff, and under the law all such officers have to obtain permission to leave the state, try to join in any kind of revolutionary movement in another country. This permission has not been secured and the department is now endeavoring to obtain it. It is thought possible that complications may arise, and an effort will be made to recall Fowler.

CHRISTMAS MAIL

NEVER SO LARGE

Postoffice employees kept hustling Thursday night—Many Sacks Dispatched and Received.

Postmaster Caruthers states that there was such a rush at the local office two days before Christmas as there was on Thursday. It was evident that it was coming, and Barry's with Substitute Wallace, was at work assisting the carriers during the day.

At 5 o'clock in the afternoon everything was cleaned up, but by 6:30 the office was again flooded with sacks, one, including the postmaster, was busy for the rest of the evening, some working until midnight to get the mail out. The four o'clock mail came in the evening, being delayed, and there were 100 sacks at that time, while on the last mail 27 more sacks were added. Everyone turned in to help get these sacks out, and it was not until 10 o'clock that the office was cleared up.

The distributing room in the postoffice was crowded to the limit, every pigeon hole in the mailing table was stuffed full of mail, and more coming. The rush has started earlier than usual, and it is expected that it will keep up, inasmuch as it is extending over more time, it is thought there may not be such a rush at the last moment.

The Christmas postcard is proving almost a nuisance to the postoffice employees. There are thousands of them in the local office, and they have never having been such a flood of mail, and it seems to increase each year.

Not until everything was cleaned up did the employees leave. The office on Thursday night, and it will go out this morning that was received. They will start in today for another hard day, and the carriers will have the assistance of three engines and wagons and three substitutes to accompany them. They will carry the packages for the entire city, leaving the small letters and letters for the carriers. The carriers, and they will have big loads on every trip for the rest of the week.

INSPECTOR CAMPBELL RETURNS

Made Changes in Routes Two and Nine of the Five Deliveries from Local Office.

Inspector Clark Campbell, who has been busy establishing the county system of free delivery, has returned here for some changes in routes two and nine of the local office. Near Gardner Lake these two routes conflicted, so that the carriers went over each other's route. This has been overcome and new roads set the benefit of the service.

Schoolboys at Y. M. C. A.

In the series of afternoon hours for the local schoolboys at the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium, the boys of Norwich Town, West Conn., are enjoying a basketball game. The boys are very enthusiastic, and today she pleaded guilty to killing Dominick Vercesi, who she believed was the slayer of her husband. She shot and killed Vercesi, in alleged self defense. She was sentenced today to the Bedford reformatory for women.

An Unhappy Christmas for Mrs. Lebetts.

New York, Dec. 23.—Mrs. Louis Lebetts finds little to be merry about this Christmas. Her husband was murdered eighteen months ago, her two eldest children have died within the year, her father, mother and five other relatives were lost in the Messina earthquake, and today she pleaded guilty to killing Dominick Vercesi, who she believed was the slayer of her husband. She shot and killed Vercesi, in alleged self defense. She was sentenced today to the Bedford reformatory for women.

Left Personal Estate Valued at \$64,495.

New York, Dec. 23.—The appraisal of the estate of the late Calvin Paige, who died on March 19 last, filed in the surrogate's office here today, shows that he left a personal estate valued at \$64,495. A large portion of the estate is invested in San Francisco and Los Angeles enterprises. Mr. Paige left \$25,000 to the town of Hardwick, Mass.

\$50,000 Fire in Yonkers.

Yonkers, N. Y., Dec. 23.—A furious fire in the Yonkers brewery tonight destroyed the season of decorations in its windows on Broadway. Each house, a small evergreen tree fastened to the sill, making an attractive appearance.

Formal Notice

To Pres. Madrid

KNOX SENDS INSTRUCTIONS TO CONSUL AT MANAGUA.

THIS GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE

Madrid Will Be Held Strictly Accountable for Safety of American Citizens—Another Engagement Expected

Washington, Dec. 23.—Secretary Knox has given formal notice to President Madrid of Nicaragua, that the United States government will hold him strictly accountable for the safety of American citizens in the western section of that country.

Instructions to this effect were sent to the United States consul at Managua, with directions to immediately inform the Managua authorities of the attitude of this government, and the consul was also directed to report what basis there was for apprehension among American residents in that part of the country, especially at Granada.

Commandant Not Satisfied. A telegram was received at the state department from Admiral Kimball, in command of the United States war

vessels now in Corinto harbor, that the commandant of the port of Corinto called on the admiral on board his flagship, but that the commandant was not satisfied. Admiral Kimball also stated that the admiral had been ordered by the Mexican general, General Guerrero,

THE LAST CALL FOR SHOPPERS!

RELATED BUYERS HELPED!

Emergency lists for the puzzled will be in demand today. Practical suggestions for those who must buy quickly will be found in the advertising columns of The Bulletin.

who informed them that there was nothing of value on the island. However, they crossed to the island, established a permanent camp and for three weeks prosecuted their explorations, finding no indication of anything of value or of great interest.

LIVELY SPECULATION OVER MRS. HARRIMAN'S WEALTH.

Report in New York that Mr. Harriman Left Less Than \$75,000,000.

New York, Dec. 23.—Whether Mary Averill Harriman, the widow of the late E. H. Harriman, is the richest woman in the world, with more than \$200,000,000, or only a woman of moderate wealth, as compared with the great fortunes of the world, is a matter of speculation. The report received yesterday from Captain Shipley of the Des Moines at Bluefields said that the defense and surrender of the Zelayan forces at Rama disposed of practically all armed resistance to Estrada on the east coast. Whether the Greytown contingent had previously joined the Zelayan forces at Rama is in doubt. If not, it is assumed that another engagement at or near Greytown may be expected before Estrada's army takes up its march for Managua.

2,000 STARVING PRISONERS FROM ZELAYA'S ARMY

To Be Fed by United States—Cruisers to Sail from Colon With Supplies—Bread Instead of Bullets.

Washington, Dec. 23.—After a peremptory warning to President Madrid that the United States will hold him personally responsible for the safety of American citizens in the western section of that country, the state department tonight gave more than moral encouragement to the revolutionists. American Red Cross funds are to be expended in caring for the sick and wounded troops of both the Estrada and Zelayan armies, more than 2,000 of whom are incarcerated in El Estero.

This action by the United States is expected to be more efficacious than the despatch of a strong force. "Bread instead of bullets" is the watchword of the state department, and it is generally believed that the prospects of food and medical attention will win over more men from the government ranks than any other plan that could be adopted.

Shore Hospitals Installed.

According to the latest reports the medical corps of the various war vessels now at Bluefields has installed hospitals ashore, where scores are being cared for. The protection of sick and wounded men through the town is said to be pitiful, and although Estrada is doing everything in his power to relieve the suffering, his resources are meagre.

"Take Supplies from Marine Stores."

With a view to relieving the situation, Secretary Knox consulted with the American Red Cross tonight and immediately afterward despatched the following to Thomas H. Moffatt, United States consul at Bluefields: "The American National Red Cross will telegraph you tomorrow, with five thousand dollars, and they will be given the funds if needed. Navy department has instructed Captain Shipley to land whatever surplus supplies can be furnished from our ships now at Bluefields, and orders will be given the Pacific, now at Colon, to transport immediately to Bluefields the stores intended for the marines or from the Panama canal commissary department such supplies as you may ask for within the limit of five thousand dollars to be cabled you tomorrow. You will co-operate with Shipley in the distribution of supplies, payment for all of which, both those sent from ships at Bluefields and those sent from Colon, will be reimbursed from Red Cross fund."

2,000 Starved, Emaciated Prisoners.

This telegram followed closely the receipt of a report from Consul Moffatt depicting the state of affairs in Bluefields. His account of the suffering of the defeated Zelayan soldiers was brief but graphic. Incidentally he reported that more than 900 men were killed on both sides in the recent battle at Rama.

The despatch follows: "Two thousand starved, emaciated prisoners have been brought here from Zelaya's surrendered army. The sight of the sick and weary tottering through the street is horrible; half are mere boys. The emergency hospital established by the Red Cross and the American Red Cross is overflowing with the pitiable sight. Few of the surrendered army had shoes or blankets. Scores were almost naked; all are in a pitiful condition. Estrada is furnishing them with blankets, clothing, shoes, and food as best he can. Flour, beans, rice, sugar, coffee and condensed milk are

Mysterious

Light in Heavens

MOVED UNDER CONTROL AND AGAINST THE WIND.

STORIES FROM MANY POINTS

Through Turned Out and Speculated on the Incident—Inventor Wallace E. Tillinghast Has Nothing to Say.

Boston, Dec. 23.—Following the report from Worcester last night of the discovery above the city of a strange moving light, apparently the searching light of a dirigible air craft, tonight brought stories from many points of the observation of similar lights this evening from villages east of Worcester and even from Boston Common.

People in the towns of Marlborough, Framingham, Natick, Ashland, Grafton, North Grafton, Upton, Hopkdale and North-Boreas turned out in throngs tonight and viewed the mysterious light in the heavens.

Appearance of Strong Searchlight.

Many declared that the light had all the appearance of a strong searchlight, and while they could discover no frame or mechanism, it was as if a searchlight would have been there. The light could not be that of a balloon, as it moved as if under control, and apparently against the wind. Meanwhile Wallace E. Tillinghast, the Worcester man who recently claimed to have invented a machine in which he had been flying over the tops of buildings in Worcester and New York, and return, and who it was thought might have been the navigator of the supposed air craft last night, remained non-committal today.

Not Tillinghast's Machine.

Boston, Dec. 23.—If the lights seen were those of an airship, Mr. Tillinghast was not the navigator of the craft tonight, for he remained at his home in Worcester.

It is estimated that fully fifty thousand people thronged the streets of Worcester city tonight watching for the reappearance of the visitor in the skies. The passage of trolley cars was seriously impeded by the sapping crowds in the main thoroughfares. For most of the evening the watch was unrelaxed. People on the tops of buildings told of seeing a light pass rapidly at some distance south of the city, but was smaller and much less brilliant than the one seen last night.

EIGHT MEN KILLED IN MINE GAS EXPLOSION

While Four Hundred Others Had Narrow Escapes at Herrin, Ill.

St. Louis, Dec. 23.—Eight men were killed and four hundred others had narrow escapes in an explosion of gas in mine at Herrin, Ill., late today.

Open lamps carried by employees are believed to have caused the disaster. There were three men on duty in this party, and all are dead.

Within five minutes of the first explosion the miners in the vicinity were started toward the surface and on the return trips of the cages rescuers were lowered to where the catastrophe occurred.

Robert Hueston, manager, headed the first relay of rescuers. Despite the black damp which flowed into the chambers adjoining those in which Pierce and his party were killed, these men went into the workings and recovered bodies of three miners.

The efforts to penetrate more deeply were repulsed by increasing banks of gas. The rescue party was forced to retreat, leaving the bodies of Pierce and several of his companions.

Fire also began to gain headway and it is expected that the bodies can be recovered before tomorrow.

HAVANA LOTTERY CAPITAL PRIZE IN THE CHRISTMAS DRAWING

Won by a Club of Eighteen Bricklayers and Masons.

Havana, Dec. 23.—The extraordinary Christmas drawing of the national lottery from which the government expected to derive a profit, proved a failure. The drawing took place today. Only 15,000 of the 30,000 tickets were sold. The capital prize was won by a club of eighteen bricklayers and masons who are employed on a building now under construction in Havana. The drawing probably will show a considerable deficit on the government side.

SMASHED THE WINDOWS.

Man Believed the New York German Consulate Was German Territory.

New York, Dec. 23.—John A. Demper came here from New Orleans in the hope of reaching Berlin safely so as to present a claim for \$100,000 for the kaiser for business losses sustained during the Boer war.

Believing that the German consulate in a downtown office building was German territory, Demper went there this afternoon and smashed several large plate glass windows, hoping that it was a German consulate. He is now in the hospital for an examination of his mental condition.

"London Assurance" Presented by Yale Dramatic Club.

Meriden, Conn., Dec. 23.—The holiday season opened here in earnest tonight with the presentation by the Yale Dramatic club of "London Assurance." The play is filled with witty and lively dialogues and the costumes are historically correct and quite elaborate. The scenery was made especially for the play. Following the play a dance was given by the performers.

Traffic in Butte Freight Yards Paralyzed.

Butte, Mont., Dec. 23.—Striking switchmen who returned to work a week ago, still agitated today, following warnings from local labor union committees. Several mines closed today, throwing hundreds out of work. Traffic in the freight yards is paralyzed.

Steamship Arrivals.

At Naples: Dec. 23, Duca di Genova, from New York.
At Genoa: Dec. 23, Campania, from New York.
At Naples: Dec. 19, American, from New York; Louisiana, from New York.
At Genoa: Dec. 19, Sannio, from New York.
At Bremen: Dec. 23, Rhine, from New York.
At Liverpool: Dec. 23, Campania, from New York.